ILO Discussion on Hiring Workers on Part Time Basis

2496. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that ILO conference held in the month of June, 1993 discussed the increase in hiring of workers on a part time basis in the industrialised world; and

(b) if so, the outcome of the discussion and the reaction of Government of India thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The 80th Session of the International Labour Conference, held in Geneva in June 1993, *inter alia* had on its agenda the first discussion on Part-time Work. The discussion was held with a view to adopting one or more international instruments on Part-time Work.

(b) The Government of India supported the adoption of an ILO recommendation on the subject, suggesting at the same time that standards for part-time workers should be so designed as to make it a balanced instrument of employment generation.

The Conference decided to adopt ILO Convention and Recommendation on Part-time Work at the second discussion in 1994.

Pension to Workers in Unorganised Sector

2497. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Governments consideration to award pension to all workers in the unorganised sector after they reach age of sixty years;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps proposed to extend a Pension Plan for the workers of the unorganised sector after they reach 60 years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) Government has decided to introduce a suitable Pension Scheme for all the EPF subscribers employed in any sector of employment w.e.f. 1-4-1993. However, there is no proposal to award pension to all workers in the unorganised sector.

Setting up of Craft Institute for Construction Industry

2498. SHRI V.HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up Craft Training Institute, especially related to the construction industry in the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any financial assistance is proposed to be given to the States to set up craft training institute to train less educated people in masonry and carpentry;

(d) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of skilled workers in the above categories due to migration of such labour overseas; and

(e) what steps are being taken to extend assistance to the States in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal under consideration of the Ministry of Labour for setting up of Craft Training Institute especially related to the construction industry. However, the trades of Plumber, Mason (Building Constructor), Carpenter etc. have been designated under National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) which are related to construction industry.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

(d) and (e) As per the information available as on 31st March, 1989, no such vacancy was reported to be unfilled on account of non-availability of suitable applicants.

Handicapped Persons Registered with Employment Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh

2499. SHRI NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of handicapped persons registered so far in various employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of them who have been provided with employment during the last two years;

(c) whether the reservation quota for the handicapped is filled up; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) The number of handicapped persons, all of whom are not necessarily unemployed, on the live register of employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 31-12-92 was 42591.

(b) The number of handicapped persons placed in jobs by the employment exchanges in Andhra Pradesh during 1991 and 1992 was 235 and 295 respectively.

(c) and (d) Statistics regarding vacancies filled up against the reserved quota is not available. However, a Special Employment Exchange at Hyderabad has been functioning to cater to the needs of the handicapped and assist them in getting suitable employment. Special Cells for the handicapped have also been opened at Employment Exchanges at Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada. Three Special Recruitment Drives have been conducted to fill up the backlog of Group 'C' & 'D' vacancies reserved for handicapped in respect of Central Ministries, Central Public Sector Undertakings, and Banks, etc.

Harassment of Indian Labour in Kuwait

2500. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN :
SHRI J. S. RAJU :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the plight and harassment of Indian Labour in Kuwait;

(b) if so, what measures Government have taken to put a halt to the harassment of the Labour Community;

(c) whether it is a fact that the women folk who are taken for household work are raped in large number and deported;

(d) what is the total number of women folk who went to Kuwait between 1991 to January 1993 for domestic labour and how many have been back to India after much harassment and ignominy;

(e) whether Government registered their protest on behalf of these poor labour women; and

(f) if so, what concrete action has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) The Indian Mission in Kuwait from time to time receive complaints of maltreatment, under-payment, substitution of contracts, unsatisfactory living and working conditions etc., though the number of complaints is not large. Whenever approached, the Missions render every possible assistance to the aggrieved workers and contact sponsors for redressal of their grievances. In many cases, the Missions provide shelter to the maids before they can find any other appointment. If destitute, the Missions also repatriate them to India at, Government's expense.

(d) No precise information with regard to the women folk who went to Kuwait from January 1991 to January 1993 is available. The number of Indian women folk working in Kuwait may be assumed to be approximately 35,000.

(e) and (f) The Government is conscious of the need to look after the welfare of Indians working in Kuwait. Bilateral consultations are held from time to time and the welfare of Indian labour women is also discussed through such meetings.

Central Scheme for Rehabilitation of Bonded Labour

2501. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Centrally sponsored scheme for the rehabilitation of bonded labour was launched with effect from 30-5-1978; and

(b) if so, the total number of labourers released from bondage so far under the Scheme alongwith the percentage of SC & ST amongst them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Scheme provides for Central Assistance to State Governments on matching basis for rehabilitation of bonded labour. According to the latest reports received from the State Governments, the total number of bonded labourers identified and freed as on 31-3-93 was 2,51,424. Separate statistics for the Bonded Labourers belonging to SC/ST category is not maintained.

Provision of PF Slips to Subscribers

2502. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :
SHRI T. A. MOHAMMED SAQHY :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is mandatory to provide PF